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Title: Need to clear the proposals of Government of Karnataka for revival of sugar industry in the State.

SHRI IQBAL AHMED SARADGI (GULBARGA): Sir, the State Government of Karnataka had given a brief to the Union Agriculture Ministry on 24th July regarding the problems being faced by the sugarcane growers in the State due to excess sugar production.

A total of Rs. 7.43 crore worth of sugar is stocked in the godowns of the State. Considering this fact, the Centre has been urged to pass an order enabling the release of sugar in the open market. The proposal to remove the Sugar Control Act is pending before the Centre.

Sir, out of 18 sugar factories in the State, around 15 have incurred a cumulative loss to the tune of Rs. 33.3 crore. In all, 10 factories have been identified as sick and a proposal for revival of these factories has been sent to the Centre.

I request the Union Minister of Agriculture to consider the proposal submitted by the State Government of Karnataka in this regard and take early decision to help the sugarcane growers in the State of Karnataka.